

Power from National Grid to Punjab, Gujarat and Maharashtra

†*260. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for power allocation to States from the National Grid;

(b) the total power being allocated per year to Punjab, Gujarat and Maharashtra from the National Grid on the basis of the said Criteria;

(c) whether this allocation is according to needs of those States;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government are considering to increase the present Power allocation to Punjab, Gujarat and Maharashtra, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The criteria for allocation of power from Central Sector Stations to beneficiary States/Union Territories are given in the statement (*see below*)

(b) In accordance with the criteria indicated in part (a) above, Punjab has been allocated 1126 MW power from Central Sector Stations in Northern Region (Northern Grid) and Gujarat and Maharashtra have been allocated 1428 MW and 2028 MW respectively from the Central Sector Stations in Western Region (Western Grid). The states are also allocated power from the 15% unallocated quota of Central Sector Stations which is being reviewed from time to time depending upon the relative power shortages, as well as emergent and seasonal requirements of the states in the region. Gujarat and Maharashtra have been allocated Central Sector stations of Western Region at present. In addition, Gujarat has also been allocated 55 MW of power out of unallocated quota in NTPC stations of Eastern Region.

(c) to (e) The allocation to States from Central Sector stations is generally made in line with the criteria indicated in part (a) above. During April—November, 1999, Punjab, Gujarat and Maharashtra faced energy shortages of 0.5%, 6.9% and 4.5% respectively. The States are entitled for additional allocation from the future Central Sector Projects in accordance with the criterion in vogue.

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Statement

- (A) Criteria for allocation of power to the States from Central Sector Thermal/Atomic Power Stations:
 - (i) 15% of the power to be kept unallocated at the disposal of the Central Government for meeting the urgent requirements to the individual states in the regions from time to time;
 - (ii) 10% power is allocated to the States in which the power station is located; and
 - (iii) The remaining 75% power is allocated amongst the States of the region (including the "Home State") in accordance with the energy consumed by, and the Central Plan Assistance to the States during the last 5 years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met through appropriate allocations.
- (B) Present Criteria for allocation of power to the States from Central Sector Hydel Stations:
 - (i) 15% of the generation capacity to be kept as "unallocated" at the disposal of the Central Govt. to be distributed within the region or outside, depending upon overall requirement;
 - (ii) 12% of power from the energy generated by the power station to be supplied free of cost to those States of the region (including the State where the hydro electric project is located), where distress like submergence, dislocation of population etc. is occurred due to setting up of the project at the specific site, the allocation being made in proportion to the extent of such distress. The energy generated figures for the purpose to be calculated at the bus bar level, i.e. after discounting auxiliary consumption but without taking into account the transmission link losses. For the purpose of allocation of 12% free power, the extent of distress caused would be assessed by the Central Electricity Authority in consultation with the concerned States; and
 - (iii) The remaining power (73%) to be distributed between States of the region on the basis of the Central Plan Assistance given to various States in the region during the previous 5 years and on the basis of consumption of electricity in the

States of the region in the previous 5 years, the two factors to be given equal weightage.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Promotion of Ex-Servicemen in DGOF, Calcutta

1378. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ex-servicemen employed in Ordnance factories are not given fair deal in the matter of promotion to higher posts, from the post of Chargemen onwards;

(b) if so, the details of representations/appeals received by the DGOF, Calcutta during the last six months from the employees belonging to Ex-servicemen category, in connection with their promotions from the post of Chargemen etc. to higher post;

(c) whether some of the factory managements under DGOF are blocking their promotion on one pretext or the other;

(d) whether Government instructions in respect to ex-servicemen are not being implemented; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. Promotions to higher grade in Chargeman Grade. I, Assistant Foreman, Senior PA, Hindi Officer and Junior Works Manager are made as per seniority and suitability subject to reservation for SC and ST.

(b) No such representations/appeals have been received by DGOF.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Pak Spy ring at Interim Test Range

1379. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pak spy ring, smuggling out information on country's missile programme from the Chandipur-on-sea Interim Test Range, has recently been unearthed;